



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

[OMB #0970-0529]

**Proposed Information Collection Activity; Prevention
Services Data Collection**

AGENCY: Children's Bureau, Administration for Children and Families, HHS.

ACTION: Request for Public Comment.

SUMMARY: The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Children's Bureau is requesting a 3-year extension of the Prevention Services Data Collection (OMB #0970-0529, expiration 7/31/2022). There are no changes requested to the form.

DATES: *Comments due within 60 days of publication.* In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ACF is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described above.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained and comments may be forwarded by emailing infocollection@acf.hhs.gov. All requests should be identified by the title of the information collection.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description: Section 471(e)(4)(E) of the Social Security Act (the Act) (42 U.S.C. 671), as amended by Public Law 115-123, requires state and tribal child welfare agencies to collect and report to ACF information on children receiving prevention and family services and programs.

Title IV-E Agencies must report the following:

- The specific services or programs provided
- The total expenditures for each of the services or programs provided
- The duration of the services or programs provided, and
- If the child was identified in a prevention plan as a candidate for foster care:
 - The child's placement status at the beginning, and at the end, of the 12-month period that begins on the date the child was identified as a candidate for foster care in a prevention plan; and
 - Whether the child entered foster care during the initial 12-month period and during the subsequent 12-month period.

To date, approximately 3/4 of the Title IV-E Agencies have chosen to provide these prevention services; however, it is believed that this number will continue to increase over time as states voluntarily opt-in to the program in order to utilize IV-E funding to provide prevention programs and services to children and families.

The data collected will continue to inform federal policy decisions, program management, and responses to Congressional and Departmental inquiries. Specifically, the data will provide information about the use and availability of prevention services to children to prevent the need for foster care placement. The data contains personally identifiable information (date of birth and race/ethnicity).

Respondents: Title IV-E Agencies.

Annual Burden Estimates

Instrument	Total Number of Respondents	Total Number of Responses Per Respondent	Average Burden Hours Per Response	Total Burden Hours	Annual Burden Hours
Prevention Services Data Collection	55	2	31	3,410	1,137

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,137

Comments: The Department specifically requests comments on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted within 60 days of this publication.

Authority: Section 471(e)(4)(E) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 671), as amended by Public Law 115-123.

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